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THREE SENTENCED TODAY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR SEPARATE FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that three men were sentenced today in separate federal cases filed in the Eastern District of Texas. United States District Judge Michael H. Schneider presided over the sentencing hearings.

COREY DEWAYNE FISHER, 32, of Longview, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for possession of four firearms during a drug trafficking crime. According to court documents, on November 10, 2004, law enforcement authorities executed a narcotics search warrant at a Longview residence. During the search, several firearms were recovered. Fisher was indicted on October 4, 2005 and charged with federal firearms violations related to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine. He pleaded guilty to the firearms charges on July 14, 2006, and agreed to forfeiture of several firearms in relation to these charges.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms, and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Gregg County CODE Unit. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard L. Moore.

JASMEON DECOLE O'QUINN, 25, of Longview, was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents, on May 11, 2006, law enforcement officers found O'Quinn passed-out in his car in a drive-thru at a Longview fast food restaurant. Officers also found two semi-automatic weapons and ammunition in the car with O' Quinn. Since O'Quinn was convicted in Gregg County in 2001 for theft, he is a convicted felon, and is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition. O'Quinn was indicted on August 1, 2006 and later pleaded guilty to the charges and agreed to forfeiture of the firearms and ammunition. This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Longview Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen Hurst.

DAVID ANDRES DURAN-BELTRAN, 30, a Mexican national, was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. According to court documents, on January 11, 2006, a law enforcement officer observed Duran walking with an object covered by a towel. The police officer instructed Duran to stop and put the item down. Officers found a shotgun wrapped in the towel and a revolver in

Duran's residence. Since Duran is an alien illegally in the United States, he is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition. Duran was indicted on February 7, 2006 and later pleaded guilty to the charges. This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Lindale Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen Hurst.

These cases were brought as part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. PSN is a comprehensive, strategic approach to federal law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer.